

**DATES:** Comments must be postmarked, or sent by telecopier (FAX) or electronic mail by January 31, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be submitted in writing to Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647 South Building, P.O. Box 96454, Washington, DC 20090-6454. SprintMail users may respond to [A:ATTMAIL,O:USDA,ID:A36]HART]. ATTMAIL and FTS2000MAIL users may respond to !A36]HART. Telecopier (FAX) users may send comments to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-720-1015, attention: Janet M. Hart. All comments received will be made available for public inspection at the above address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., during regular business hours.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

In the October 31, 1994, **Federal Register** (59 FR 54427, 54428), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Detroit, Jinks, Keokuk, and Michigan to submit an application for designation. There were four applicants. Detroit, Keokuk, and Michigan, each applied for designation to provide official inspection services in the entire area currently assigned to them. Jinks applied for designation to provide official Class X and Class Y weighing services in the entire area currently assigned to them. Springfield Grain Inspection, Inc., applied for the portion of Keokuk's area that includes all of Mason County and the part of Fulton County South of State Route 24.

GIPSA is publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments concerning the applicants. Commenters are encouraged to submit reasons and pertinent data for support or objection to the designation of these applicants. All comments must be submitted to the Compliance Division at the above address. Comments and other available information will be considered in making a final decision. GIPSA will publish notice of the final decision in the **Federal Register**, and GIPSA will send the applicants written notification of the decision.

**AUTHORITY:** Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*)

Dated: December 22, 1994.

**Neil E. Porter,**

*Director, Compliance Division.*

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**Designation of the Grand Forks (ND), Lima (OH), and Virginia Areas**

**AGENCY:** Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** GIPSA announces the designation of Grand Forks Grain Inspection Department, Inc. (Grand Forks), Lima Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Lima), and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Virginia) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** February 1, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647 South Building, P.O. Box 96454, Washington, DC 20090-6454.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janet M Hart, telephone 202-720-8525

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

In the August 1, 1994, **Federal Register** (59 FR 38954), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Grand Forks, Lima, and Virginia to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by August 30, 1994. Grand Forks, Lima, and Virginia, the only applicants, each applied for designation in the entire area they are currently assigned.

GIPSA requested comments on the applicants in the October 3, 1994 **Federal Register** (59 FR 50222). Comments were due by November 1, 1994. GIPSA received no comments by the deadline.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act; and according to Section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that Grand Forks, Lima, and Virginia are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied. Effective February 1, 1995, and ending January 31, 1998, Grand Forks and Lima are designated to provide official inspection services in the geographic areas specified in the

August 1, 1994, **Federal Register**.

Effective February 1, 1995, and ending January 31, 1998, Virginia is designated to provide official inspection and Class X and Class Y weighing services in the geographic area specified in the August 1, 1994, **Federal Register**.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Grand Forks at 701-772-0151, Lima at 419-223-7866, and Virginia at 703-434-1387.

**AUTHORITY:** Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*)

Dated: December 21, 1994

**Neil E. Porter**

*Director, Compliance Division*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Patent and Trademark Office**

[Docket No. 941259-4359]

**Request for Comments on Proposed Utility Examination Guidelines**

**AGENCY:** Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) requests comments from any interested member of the public on proposed internal guidelines that will be used by patent examiners in their review of patent applications for compliance with 35 U.S.C. 101. Because these guidelines govern internal practices, they are exempt from notice and comment rulemaking under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A).

**DATES:** Written comments on the proposed guidelines will be accepted by the PTO until February 24, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, marked to the attention of Jeff Kushan. Comments submitted by mail should be sent to Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Box 4, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. Comments may also be submitted by telefax at (703) 305-8885 and by electronic mail through the Internet to "comments-biotech@uspto.gov." Written comments should include the following information:

- Name and affiliation of the individual responding;
- An indication of whether comments offered represent views of the respondent's organization or are the respondent's personal views; and